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SUBJECT: RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR GULF COAST

FOR RCO

REF: BEIRUT 3697, STATE 59537

1. BASE STATION AND 5 PORTABLES FROM OTHER SOURCE CITED
STATE 59537 HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE
FROM YOUR RESOURCES RECENTLY FURNISHED BY OC. REPLACEMENTS
BEING SHIPPED FROM FOURTH QUARTER EQUIPMENT NOTED PARA 3
BELOW.

2. ASSUMING REQUIREMENT REMAINS URGENT REQUEST YOU ADVISE
TIME SCHEDULE FOR EQUIPMENT AND CEO ARRIVAL AT ABU DHABI.

3. YOUR PROGRAMMED FY-73 RADIO REQUIREMENTS WILL BE COM-
PLETED WITH THE SHIPMENT OF THE FOLLOWING DURING THE FOURTH
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QUARTER:

2 EACH CA-26 A HF SSB TRANSCEIVERS
2 EACH MT-76 VHF MOBILE
10 EACH HN-36 PORTA MOBILES

4. IN REGARDS TO EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENT AT POSTS, A WORLD-WIDE PROTECTIVE SECURITY PROJECT, INCLUDING VOICE RADIO EQUIPMENT, HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE DEPT AND IS CURRENTLY BEING STAFFED THROUGH THE BUREAUS FOR FINAL SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS.

5. UNTIL EQUIPMENT IS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ABOVE SECURITY PACKAGE, URGENT POST REQUIREMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE SATISFIED AS BEST POSSIBLE FROM YOUR OWN REGIONAL ASSETS OR ANY YEAR-END DISTRIBUTION OTALIAN INITIATIVE. ACCORDING PETRIGNANI, PAPER CIRCULATED FOR DISCUSSION WAS LARGELY CONDENSED VERSION OF TALKING POINTS SETTING FORTH CURRENT ITALIAN VIEWS ON MBFR WHICH AMBASSADOR ORTONA LEFT WITH UNDER SECRETARY MARCH 21 (REFTEL B) AND WHICH WAS COMMUNICATED IN PARALLEL DEMARCHES TO OTHER NATO CAPITALS. AS INDICATED REFTEL A, PRINCIPAL REASON FOR ORTONA' S DEMARCHE WAS ITALIAN CONCERN THAT GERMANS AND OTHERS ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF REDUCTIONS OF INDIGENOUS AS WELL AS STATIONED FORCES DURING FIRST MBFR PHASE.

3. ACCORDING PETRIGNANI, SURFACING OF ITALIAN MBFR VIEWS IN POLITICAL COMMITTEE WAS RESULT OF THIS CONTINUING GOI CONCERN BY RAISING SUBJECT IN EC FORUM AND BY PLACING FOCUS SQUARELY ON EFFECTS OF VARIOUS MBFR MODELS ON EUROPEAN UNIFICATION, ITALIANS HOPED TO MUSTER COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THEIR VIEW (WHICH THEY ARE CONFIDENT IS SHARED BY U. S.) THAT STATIONED FORCES ALONE SHOULD BE TREATED IN INITIAL MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. ITALIANS THUS AIM AT BRINGING COMMUNITY PRESSURE TO BEAR ON GERMANS AND BELGIANS TO FOREGO INDIGENOUS FORCE CUTS AS DETRIMENTAL TO THE CAUSE OF EUROPEAN UNITY.

4. IN REVIEWING WITH US PAPER WHICH DUCCI PRESENTED TO PC MEETING, IT EMERGED THAT STANDARD ITALIAN POSITION FAVORING REDUCTIONS OF STATIONED FORCES ONLY IN INITIAL MBFR PHASE HAS UNDERGONE SOME REFINEMENT. DEFINITION OF STATIONED FORCES WHICH ITALIANS PROPOSED TO THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOCUSSED ON U. S. AND SOVIET FORCES ALONE AND SPECIFICALLY SOUGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHER ALLIED STATIONED FORCES. PETRIGNANI ASSERTED THAT ANY WITHDRAWAL OF EUROPEAN FORCES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE REDUCTION AREA WOULD INVOLVE CONFIDENTIAL

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DISARMAMENT WHILE WITHDRAWAL OF U. S. FORCES WOULD BE MERELY REDEPLOYMENT. THE RATIONALE WHICH PETRIGNANI PROPOSED ADVANCING WHEN PRESENTING SUCH A FORMULA TO THE USSR IS THAT ONLY THE U. S. HAS STATIONED FORCES IN WESTER THE CHILEANS ARE EQUALLY IMPEDED FROM COMMITTING THEMSELVES AT THIS TIME TO FULL PAYMENT OF SERVICING DUE IN 1973 AND 1974 FOR REASONS INDICATED IN REFTELS. THEREFORE, IF WE WISH TO WRAP UP THE 1972 AGREEMENT AND COMMIT THE CHILEANS TO THE RENEGOTIATED SERVICING CONTAINED IN IT, I EXPECT WE SHALL HAVE TO HOLD OUR INSISTENCE THAT THE CHILEANS MAKE PAYMENTS DUE IN 1973 AND 1974 IN ABEYANCE, IN RETURN FOR THE CHILEANS DROPPING THEIR INSISTENCE ON A MORATORIUM OR AGREEMENT TO MAKE GREATLY REDUCED PAYMENTS IN 1973 AND 1974. THIS APPEARS TO BE OUR POSITION AS CONTAINED IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF STATE 060026, BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION IF THIS IS THE CASE. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE RESPONSE I SHOULD MAKE TO INOSTROZA WHEN WE MEET.

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